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R. SARGENT SHRIVER TO SPEAK SEPTEMBER 29

"OPERATION PRIDE", AWARDS PRESENTATION;
BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT
FEATURED AT SEARS YMCA

R. Sargent Shriver, President of the Board of Education and prominent Chicagoan will be guest speaker at the September general meeting of the Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission at 8:00 PM, Tuesday, September 29, 1959 at the Sears YMCA, 5210 W. Arthington St.

Cash awards to successful winners in the Commission's Fourth Annual clean-up contest "Operation Pride" will be part of this program. Prizes will be awarded by C. J. Peck, Jr., President of GLCC.

Mr. Shriver who spoke last year at GLCC's September meeting will again present an up-to-date report on what actions the Board of Education has taken to improve Lawndale Schools and what future improvements may be expected.

Besides having first hand knowledge of Chicago schools, as President of the Board, Mr. Shriver is a member of the Illinois School Problems Commission. He also serves on the Board of four Chicago colleges and universities and is a leader in many interracial, health, religious and welfare agencies.

\$500 in cash awards will be presented to those who competed in four categories: homeowners, block clubs, to tenants and for vacant lots. First prize in each category is \$50, second is \$25 and third prize winners, \$10. Award winners will be announced in the October issue of News-Notes. Recognition of volunteers who recently helped out in the X-ray program will also be given.

A reception will be held in the foyer of the gymnasium at 7:30 P.M.



R. SARGENT SHRIVER

ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10

How to create better housing in Chicago's neighborhoods will be the theme of the Eighth Annual Conference of the Association of Community Councils on Saturday, October 10, 1959 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The Association, a federation of thirty Chicago community organizations, will celebrate its tenth anniversary according to Frank G. Salewski, President of the Association.



MRS. JULIA ABRAHAMSON



MR. CHARLES A. BLESSING

Charles A. Blessing, Director of the Detroit City Plan Commission and President of the American Institute of Planners will be guest speaker as well as Mrs. Julia Abrahamson, former executive director of the Hyde-Park Kenwood Community Conference who will deliver the keynote address.

According to Joseph Schneider, chairman for the Conference, "Community Planning and Action for Housing" will be the basis of discussion for the four workshops. Featured discussion leaders will be Mrs. Dorothy Rubel, Director, Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council, Magr. John J. Egan, Executive Director, Archdiocese Conservation Council; Morris H. Hirsch, Alderman, 48th Ward and many other well known leaders.

Reservations for the Conference should be made with the ACC, 123 West Madison St. Cost of registration and luncheon in the Boulevard Room of the Hilton Hotel is \$5.00.

SO YOU'RE BUYING A HOME

"The Speculator Broker Among Us"

There has grown up among us, unfortunately, in the past several years a new and different real estate operator. He calls himself a real estate broker but operates as a real estate operator.

Instead of performing the customary and historical services of a broker, he acts solely for his own benefit. He uses the cloak of confidence inspired by his office almost as a systematic method to gain the confidence of his buyer and then abuse that confidence for his own benefit.

How does he do this? By simply taking advantage of his knowledge of price, value and costs. He does not make an honest, free and open disclosure to his buyer of the prices asked by home owners and sellers. Often instead, he makes these purchases for himself or for speculator-minded friends. Then, concealing, from his buyer that he, the "broker" is, in fact, now the owner of the property, he tells his buyer that the owner is asking a price two and three times the amount that he, the broker, has just paid for the property. Further, by manipulation of interest charges and unfair mortgage practices, he abuses the confidence of his buyer by adding fantastically high interest charges to the already swollen price. It should be remembered that the cost of shelter is the primary cost to any person and family in the community.

Newcomers to our community must be able to buy properties within their means and live in them in a manner consistent with their own ability to pay the month to month costs. But the price exacted by the speculator means automatically that the home owner must pay double and triple for shelter, thus burdening him and eventually the community. The actions of the real estate broker turned speculator makes certain that the buyer will be unable to live comfortably in his new home. His actions mean that certain destructive changes will come about in the family, in the community, and the city as a whole. In doing this, he betrays the position of trust which has been given him by his office.

This unfortunate action must be stopped, fought at every turn and responsible dealings instituted.

Next month: How to fight the speculator.

NOTICE

Board of Education Budget Hearings will be held for District 8 on October 5 at Manley High School, 2935 W. Polk St. at 9 AM; for District 10 at Pickard School 2301 W. 21st Pl. at 1:30 PM. Those wishing to give testimony, please contact your district superintendent at VA 6-4162 (No. 8) or BL 7-6853 (No. 10) for time to present your organization's views.

D. E. MACKELMANN APPOINTED TO HEAD CONSERVATION POST

Lawndale, declared a conservation area by Chicago's Community Conservation Board in 1955 will be looking forward to the vigorous new leadership from the newly appointed director of the Community Conservation Board. He is D.E. Mackelmann, formerly consultant to the Chicago Planning Department and Mayor Daley's liaison to the conservation board. Mr. Mackelmann succeeds General J. Paul Holland who resigned the conservation board post on September 1.

To his new office, Mr. Mackelmann brings the wide experience he has gained in various Chicago housing and planning posts he has held since 1948. He has served as secretary of the Neighborhood Redevelopment Commission and head of the Tenants Relocation Bureau. As deputy coordinator to the Department of City Planning, Mr. Mackelmann was responsible for the formation of many community conservation groups.

LAWNDALERS RECEIVE X-RAYS IN RECENT DRIVE

Over 5,141 X-Rays were given to Lawndalers recently to discover any signs of tuberculosis among residents. Tests were given by the TB mobile unit. An average of nine new cases of active TB per day was reported in this area last year. About 20 percent of the diagnosed cases reported to the Chicago Health department were found in mass X-ray services.

Though an estimated 4,000 persons in Chicago and Cook County have TB, they do not know it, according to latest figures. In addition there are about 8,000 known active cases of TB living at home, 5,000 under Municipal guidance and 2,500 under private care.

The Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission wishes to thank the many adult volunteers and teenage groups who helped make this program so successful.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 23 - GLCC Board of Directors meeting, 12:15, Sears YMCA.
- September 28 - GLCC general meeting, R. Sargent Shriver, featured speaker. "Operation Tride awards to be given, 8:00 PM, Sears YMCA.
- October 10 - Association of Community Councils Fall Conference, 9 A.M., Conrad Hilton Hotel. See page 1 for details.
- October 11 - Board of Education Budget Hearing, District 8, 9 A.M., Manley School.
- October 10, 1:30 PM, Pickard School.
- October 13 - Executive Committee Meeting, 12:15, Sears YMCA.
- October 15 - GLCC Planning Committee, 12 Noon, Sears YMCA.



Residents of the 3000 Lexington Block enjoyed their get-together too in the same evening as members of the newly-formed block organization held their first annual dance. Mrs. F. Palma working with other members of the organization were responsible for the success of the event.

LADIES' AUXILIARY SPONSORS MEMBERSHIP TEA

A pre-acquainted membership tea was sponsored recently by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Greater Lawdale Conservation Commission. The event was held at Sears YMCA.

"We held this membership tea so that members of the Auxiliary could come together and help plan activities for the betterment of Lawdale", said Mrs. Ruth Watson, Auxiliary vice-president and program chairman. "Our program for the year calls for a series of events to acquaint people with the problems of blight and urban renewal and how they can help to preserve the community as a good place to live."

The Ladies' Auxiliary first project will be a membership drive to increase membership in the Auxiliary and in the Greater Lawdale Conservation Commission. The kick-off will be in October and last until November.

Mrs. Dorothy Branch introduced Mr. Julio Vivas, GLCC Executive Director, and guest speaker. Vocal Selections were given by Mrs. Enna Lawler, accompanied by Miss Flora Glyn Monture.

Mrs. Georgia Day is membership chairman.

ARE YOU A HOME OWNER? ARE YOU A TENANT? DO YOU WANT LAWDALE MAINTAINED AS AN ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY?

You can help by reporting any suspected housing and zoning violations to the GLCC office, VA 6-3226. The GLCC's new Housing and Zoning Officer will take action immediately.

There was dancing and gaiety in the streets as more than 100 residents of the 3100 Lexington Block Club gathered recently to enjoy their first block club party. From 7 to 10 PM, members danced to American, Italian and Spanish airs and clams, crabs and other foods were served. Officers responsible for the overwhelming success of the event were Mrs. Frank Caputo, acting chairman; Miss Christine Frisiano, acting secretary; Mr. Casiano Ramirez, entertainment committee chairman and Mrs. C. Paz, chairman of the refreshment committee.



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WILLIAM H. IVERSON TO HEAD AMERICAN BOYS COMMONWEALTH

William H. Iverson has been appointed branch director of the American Boys Commonwealth, neighborhood youth center at 3415 W. 13th Pl., announced Sidney Epstein, Chicago Youth Centers, agency operating the center.

The ABC center, one of three run by the CYC conducts programs for 800 boys and girls of ages six to 20. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Iverson served most recently with Firman Neighborhood House, South side neighborhood center, and as executive director of the Between the Tracks Council, community organization sponsored by Firman House.

He was graduated from Capital University, Columbus, and received his master's degree from the University of Illinois School of Social Work. A member of the National Association of Social Workers, Mr. Iverson has also served as a group worker and summer program director with Erie Neighborhood House, Chicago. They have a son, Mark William, one.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

When R. Sargent Shriver, President of the Board of Education was guest speaker at our general meeting last September, he pointed out several specific areas in which the Board had made progress in coping with the serious school situation in Lawndale and the city as a whole. Again this year, we will have Mr. Shriver with us to tell us of what further advances have been made to help our children get a better education.



C.J. PECK, JR.

Concerning school construction, I am happy to report that several new schools have been built or are being built in the Lawndale area. Chalmers School at Roosevelt and California and Cerar-King at Campbell and Taylor will be opened in October, 1959. A new 660 desk addition to Heus School to serve as an upper grade center will be ready in September 1960, as well as the Charles Evans Hughes School, being built at 15th and Tripp. This school will relieve Bryant which is one of the most heavily overcrowded schools in the city. And another school is planned at 21st and Drake Aves. As a result of these additional classrooms, several thousand children will be relieved of double shifts.

In the field of curriculum, a number of changes have been made to better adapt curriculum to the local needs. The special speech and reading programs begun at Heus and Pope to improve speech patterns and faster reading are examples of this. In the Lawndale area alone, there are over 90 extra specially trained teachers working on programs for handicapped children.

These are only a few of the increases in services that the Board has instituted. Though there are still serious problems facing us, I sincerely believe the Board of Education has shown itself to be cooperative and cognizant of Lawndale's pressing needs, and am confident we can look forward to additional help in the near future from the Board of Education.

May I urge all readers of *News Notes* to attend the general meeting of GLCC at the Sears YMCA on Tuesday, September 29 at 8 P.M. to hear an up-to-date report by Mr. Shriver on action already taken by the Board of Education in Lawndale and plans for future improvements.

Mark your calendar now for September 29, 8 PM, at the Sears YMCA.

C.J. Peck, Jr. President

BRIEFS...

FRANKLIN PARK groups are champs in three sports reports J. W. Wilke, park supervisor. The Warriors won the Liberty Division Baseball Championship; the Yankees annexed the major division baseball championship for the third straight year, and the Comets captured the 12" Kittenball Title...the 1200

KILDARE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT CLUB has had a busy time President Eller writes. They have a new meeting place in the refurbished basement of Mrs. Lee, trash cans have been painted and numbered, and a very successful block party has been held by the neighborhood young people...**THE HATTIE MACK BLOCK CLUB** awarded three prizes for the best improvements in the block at their annual tea. President Mack received a block of Urban League Jazz festival tickets from club members...**Delores Sims** was an all round winner this summer for her swimming, fishing, reading, and good sportsmanship...

The 1200 **KARLOV COOPERATIVE BLOCK CLUB** had a gala recreation program on August 29 for the youngsters this summer says David Rhodes. Refreshments and music were all free...**MASON PLAYGROUND** senior girls volleyball team is champion material, too, instructor Dorothy Burgh writes. The team won third place in the recent Sun-Times Volleyball tournament...**LAWSON PLAYGROUND** held first place for their spring activity. It was cited by the Board of Education as best of the 63 playgrounds the Board runs...A second annual street party for the children was held by the **TRUMBULL AVENUE IMPROVEMENT CLUB** on August 8. They will celebrate the club's second birthday on Friday, November 6. The program will be publicized later, Alice Kimbrough announces. Disabled people whose disability insurance benefits under the **SOCIAL SECURITY** act were reduced or not paid at all because they received disability payments from other Federal programs or State Workmen's Compensation, can now receive full payments under social security. The payments may be retroactive for 12 months. The benefits are not paid automatically. An application must be filed, says Thomas E. Denton of the Near Southwest district Social Security Administration...There's a new children's librarian at the **DOUGLAS BRANCH LIBRARY** branch librarian Mrs. Elyn Hall writes. She is Mrs. Helen Bresington who has her degree in Library Science from Western Reserve University and who has worked in Florida and Chicago libraries...

NO CLEANUP FOR PARKWAYS says the 24th Ward Sept. Parkways are the green strip of grass between the sidewalk and curb. Responsibility lies with the homeowner and not the city.

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